

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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For Work Week Commencing: January 29, 2001, 2001

Business Meeting: January 29, 2001, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dennis).

1. MPC SALE – Placeholder (1/29/01)
2. Electricity Prices Affecting Industrial Customers – Discuss options. (1/29/01)
3. N2000.12.212 – John L Swanson & Linda Swanson – Complaint on House Moving Charges against MPC – Discussion and action on disposition of complaint. (1/29/01)
4. D2001.1.1 and D96.2.22 – MPC – Gas Tracker and MPC Sale of Gas Assets – Further introduction to filing(s) as necessary, placeholder to consider interim order, other matters as necessary. (1/29/01)
5. D2000.8.113 – MPC – Electric and Gas Distribution/Transmission Rates – Further prehearing discussion, as needed, if needed, other matters as necessary. (1/29/01)

6. D2000.11.193 – Helfich v. MPC – Continuation of discussion, direction on further proceedings. (1/29/01)
7. D2000.12.203 – Mountain Water – Petition for Ruling on Acquisition – Introduction, update, discussion, direction on further proceedings. (1/29/01)
8. D2001.1.10 – Kern v. Qwest – Introduction, discussion, direction on complaint. (1/29/01)
9. D2000.1.14 – Ronan Telephone – Reciprocal Compensation Filing – To consider request that all five Commissioners decide this case. (1/29/01)
10. PSC Electronic Documents – Further discussion of PSC electronic documents. (1/29/01)

Legislative Meeting Daily as needed

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY Docket D2000.7.98 (Denise)

On January 19, 2001, the Commission received the certification from the State Bar of Montana of the *Pro Hac Vice* application of Joseph Kubacki, Jr. to appear on behalf of and represent Barretts Minerals, Inc., in this Docket. Recommend approval.

2. MONTANA POWER COMPANY Docket D2000.12.215 (Eric)

On December 29, 2000, MPC filed an application seeking an Accounting Order to track its payment of the 4 percent annual franchise tax imposed by the City of Billings plus all associated costs incurred to implement and administer this tax and to record the deferred revenues associated with the tax. MPC may later seek to supercede the Accounting Order with a request to begin billing, under an authorized tariff, the Billings customers who live within the city limits. MPC will join a court action to overturn the imposition of this tax. An Accounting Order has been drafted.

3. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D2000.12.214 (Eric)

On December 28, 2000, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 29, 2000. Requests for hearing were due by January 29, 2001. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$2,117 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. HAVRE PIPELINE COMPANY Docket D2000.9.147 (Joel)

On January 22, 2001, Havre Pipeline filed a Notice of Withdrawal of their Application.